

## WIDERLY'S TENURE OF OFFICE SHORT

President Says He Is Casting About for His Successor.

FITCHIE ALSO TO GO

Chief Executive and Secretary Shaw Dissatisfied With Workings of the Immigration Department—Bickerings and Squabbles Must Stop.

Mr. Thomas Fitchie, commissioner of immigration at the port of New York, had a talk with President Roosevelt and Secretary Shaw yesterday afternoon. He came to Washington for the purpose of discussing the administration of his office and his own chances of retention in the service.

The President told Mr. Fitchie frankly that he had determined to appoint his successor at an early date, and he added that the deputy commissioner at New York, Mr. Sweeney, would also be superseded, and that as soon as possible he would find a successor to Commissioner General Powderly.

Mr. Fitchie told the President that if the administration of immigration affairs at New York was at fault it was not through any intent of his own to do any wrong. Such abuses may exist in the immigration service at the principal port of the country, he said, were not due to any fault of his. He had given his best efforts for a clean and honest administration.

### Too Much Friction.

President Roosevelt did not discuss with him the details of the long-standing complaints made against the New York immigration office, but declared that the constant friction between officials and the talk of corruption in office could no longer be endured. He was determined, he said, to make radical changes in the personnel of the service.

Commissioner Fitchie had a similar talk with Secretary Shaw. The Secretary told him that although he had been at the head of the Treasury only a short time he was dissatisfied with the conditions apparently existing in the immigration service. He was inclined to believe that Mr. Fitchie had striven to give a satisfactory administration, but the matter was in the hands of the President, and he was not inclined to make any recommendation in Commissioner Fitchie's behalf.

Mr. Fitchie's retirement is the result of the recent investigation at Ellis Island, N. Y., where the caretaking of the immigrants is said to have been grossly irregular. Several minor officials were removed from their positions.

While their offenses were not such as merited summary dismissal, they were detrimental to good discipline and efficiency, and Mr. Fitchie was held culpable, not because he had been a party to the irregularities, but because he was ignorant of them.

Mr. Gage, when he was Secretary of the Treasury, and Mr. Roosevelt both held the opinion that Mr. Fitchie should have known of and prevented the abuses prevalent at the Ellis Island Station.

### INVITED BY CHINESE LADIES.

Princesses to Be "At Home" to Wives of Americans.

PEKING, March 22.—The Princess Imperial Yun Shou, daughter of Prince Kung and adopted daughter of the Dowager Empress, and eight other Chinese princesses, who were entertained at a dinner by Mrs. Conner, wife of the American Minister, on March 21, have issued invitations to the women of the American Legation and the missionary interpreters to attend a reception in their honor.

Wang Wen Shac, grand secretary, and the third highest official in the Empire, is anxious to secure the services of a foreign woman who will teach Western knowledge to the members of his family.

### HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Arlington—Mr. and Mrs. Cuykendall, California; Mrs. E. G. Hartley, New York; W. W. White, Michigan; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Barner, Miss Barner, Miss Denison, New York; C. S. Ross, Mrs. Jacobs, Miss Cornell, M. M. Smith, Boston; Mrs. J. S. Law, Miss Law, Jersey City, Conn.; J. W. Johnson, Mrs. Cary, Miss Runney, George Runney, New York.

Shoreham—Mrs. James Campbell, Miss Laura Campbell, Pennsylvania; M. R. Meacham, Boston; Mrs. E. A. Martin, Miss Jennie Martin, New Jersey; Emory Spear, Mrs. Emory Spear, Georgia; E. E. Nichol, Colorado; Miss R. Ledwith, Miss M. Ledwith, New Jersey; N. P. Kingsley, Vermont; D. P. Cooke, Miss Moore, New York; Mrs. J. W. Williams, Michigan; Mrs. J. Knapp, Mrs. J. Henry McKinley, New York; W. W. Nicholas, Maryland.

Riggs House—Frank Emerson, Omaha; G. Griffin, New York; Edward Wagner, Virginia; Mrs. E. M. Mury, Miss Mury, A. H. Sprague, Chicago, Ill.; Edward Spalding, Miss P. Barber, Virginia; Mrs. J. F. Smith, Miss Knapp, New York; Miss Laura Arnold, Maryland.

Ebbitt House—Harry Ware, W. Graham, Glass, Maryland; Mrs. J. B. Coghlan, New York; Minnie C. Hardy, Josie E. Walsh, Michigan; Capt. C. G. Anderson, U. S. N.; Howard Parker, New York; Miss M. McDonough, Massachusetts.

New Willard—H. C. Hart, New York; Ralph A. Powers, Maine; Walter Powers, Maine; Mr. and Mrs. Heald, Boston; Mr. H. B. Platt, New York; Mrs. H. B. Platt, New York; Mrs. Engle, New York; Emory Spear, Georgia; Mrs. Spear, Georgia; Rose Taylor, New York; Mr. and Mrs. Reis, New York; Ada Reis, New York.

Raleigh—F. J. Rowland, Virginia; E. Fisher, Ontario, Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald, Mr. Chase, New York; Edward Spalding, Virginia; Miss Flossie Bairborn, Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. Scobell, Mrs. Bernard, Mrs. C. Bowen, New York; Mrs. D. C. Children, New York; Mrs. L. F. Jenkins, New York; Austin R. Preston, New York; Mrs. O. P. Bueson, New York; Miss Lydia Bueson, New York; W. L. Ward, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Mason, Pennsylvania; Mr. and Mrs. Roman Way, Pennsylvania; George D. Williams, Pennsylvania.

### A Printer Greatly Surprised.

"I never was so much surprised in my life as I was with the results of using Chamberlain's Pain Balm," says Henry T. Cook, proprietor of the Asheville (N. C.) Gazette. "I contracted a severe case of rheumatism early last winter by getting my feet wet. I tried several things for it without benefit. One day while looking over the Gazette I noticed an advertisement for Chamberlain's Pain Balm. I bought a bottle of it, and before using two-thirds of it my rheumatism had taken its flight, and I have not had a rheumatic pain since." Sold by Henry Evans, Wholesale and Retail Druggist, 222-224 1/2 Street northwest.

### VETERANS' SOCIETY.

Government Printers Organize One to Promote Good Fellowship.

The surviving soldiers and sailors of the war of the rebellion to the number of over 100, employed in the Government Printing Office and its branches, have organized a society for the purpose of becoming better acquainted with one another, as well as continuing and, if possible, further cementing the friendships formed in camp, on the march, bivouac, and the battlefield.

The association has engaged Jonadab Hall, 623 Louisiana Avenue northwest, where literary and musical entertainments will be given on the third Saturday evening of each month. Permanent organization was effected by the choice of Mr. Charles M. Robinson, foreman of the proof division, as president; H. E. J. Drake, of the second division, vice president; B. W. Donney, of the clerks' office, secretary and treasurer; C. N. Warren, sergeant-at-arms, and an executive board consisting of D. G. Morrison, job room; B. P. Enkrisin, clerks' office; Thomas C. Purcell, fifth division; E. D. King, Treasury branch, and Briscoe Goodheart, bindery.

At the meeting Saturday evening the hall was filled with the veterans, their wives, daughters, and sweethearts. On the president's call "to assembly" an orchestra of more than a dozen musicians, a part of the Hebrew Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Henry W. Walker, entertained with a number of patriotic and other musical selections. The speaker of the evening was Chaplain Rev. Henry N. Houlder, of the House of Representatives. An inspiring earnest speech was admirably rendered by Mrs. Van Doren, as was also a solo by Mrs. G. Harry Stone. Refreshments, consisting of coffee, sandwiches, and cakes, were served.

### CIVIL SERVICE VIOLATION.

Indictments Brought Against Offenders in Kentucky Courts.

G. R. Wales, law clerk of the Civil Service Commission, returned Friday night from Louisville, Ky., where he was successful in securing indictments against three violators of the civil service rules, after repeated failures in the past.

Mr. Wales was special assistant attorney for the Commission. He presented before the grand jury cases against ex-Collector of Internal Revenue Charles E. Sapp, his deputy, Leonard Parsons, and Joseph Potoning. A true bill was returned, and the three men indicted under section 11 of the civil service acts for political assessment.

Potoning was indicted separately for soliciting in Government buildings. An indictment was also brought against all three under section 5440 of the Revised Statutes for conspiracy.

The indictments were presented to the court on Thursday. Friday the men were brought into custody. They gave bond in the sum of \$1,000 each.

Sapp was removed a short time ago by President Roosevelt, as a result of the charges brought against him. The case was first presented to the grand jury in 1900, but no true bill was then found.

### Knocked Down by a Carriage.

Albert Diggins, aged six years, residing with his parents, at 1232 Thirty-seventh Street northwest, was knocked down by a one-horse carriage at Prospect and Potomac Streets. The vehicle was driven by Horatio Carroll, of Brooklyn, Md. The boy was sent to the Georgetown Hospital, where it was found that he had sustained injuries about the head and feet.

### CHURCH TRUSTEES

MUST PAY ALL TAXES

Third Baptist, Colored, Sought Exemption From Interest.

Commissioner Ross Approves Unfavorable Report of Acting Assessor—Says It Was Case of Neglect.

The attorney for the trustees of the Third Baptist Church (colored), Mr. Perry W. Friday, has applied to the District Commissioners for permission to pay arrears for taxes for several years without interest and penalties on their property in square 810, bounded by Fourth, Fifth, P and Q Streets northwest.

Mr. E. W. W. Griffin, acting assessor, has submitted to the Commissioners a statement relative to the matter, and appends an adverse recommendation. Mr. Griffin says:

### Was at One Time Exempt.

"Up to and including the year 1894 the above described property was listed as church property, and was exempt from taxation. The records of transfers show a conveyance dated November 4, 1882, from William M. Bramhall to Allen C. Clark, colored Baptist Church, but the records fail to show what authority this conveyance was made, and it is presumed therefore to be irregular, as the title was not vested in said Bramhall, and should have remained in the names of the trustees.

"During the latter part of the year 1894 the property was abandoned for church purposes, and listed as taxable for the year 1895, and has so remained up to the present date. The taxes are unpaid for years 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, and outstanding tax sale certificate, April, 1902, for tax sale of 1898, and April, 1900, for tax of 1899. By deed recorded this date, Allen C. Clark has executed a quit claim to the rightful owners.

### Trustees to Blame.

"After a careful review of the facts in this case it would appear the trustees failed through their own neglect to pay the taxes, as they were aware no deed had passed from them to any one, and if it was assessed to the wrong name, the attention of the office should have been directed to the same long since, and they should not have allowed the matter to slumber. There is no apparent reason for abatement of the penalties in this case, as the act of February 15, 1902, to receive arrears of taxes at 5 per cent per annum, affords ample relief. The case is submitted with an adverse recommendation.

Commissioner J. W. Ross, in charge of tax matters, has approved the action of the acting assessor.

### WOOD FOR MAJOR GENERAL.

Stated That He Will Be Appointed When Miles Retires.

There was a well-developed rumor about last night that in the event the President used his prerogative and placed Lieutenant General Miles on the retired list he would follow it up by appointing Brig. Gen. Leonard Wood as a major general and designate him to command the army.

### ALLEGED PENSION FRAUD.

Charles Hayman, Colored, Charged With Giving a False Certificate.

The surviving soldiers and sailors of the war of the rebellion to the number of over 100, employed in the Government Printing Office and its branches, have organized a society for the purpose of becoming better acquainted with one another, as well as continuing and, if possible, further cementing the friendships formed in camp, on the march, bivouac, and the battlefield.

The case appears to hinge on what is alleged to have been a false affidavit, made by a woman named Selby, in favor of Hayman. The latter, whose home is at 477 Washington Street northwest, claims that the woman became incensed at him for some reason, and then proceeded to denounce him to the authorities. Hayman alleges the Selby woman swore to the affidavit, as to his birth, age, character and residence, signing his own name and declaring herself to be a sister of the petitioner. Afterward, it is alleged, the woman gave her name as Selby, so that the authorities brought proceedings against the prisoner, charging alleged fraud.

Hayman says he enlisted in the Twenty-fourth Regular Infantry during the Spanish-American war. He has been in Washington two years, coming here from Loudoun County, Va., where his relatives now live.

## CURRENT EVENTS IN ALEXANDRIA

Fishermen Actively Preparing for Opening of Season.

Palm Sunday in the Churches—C. H. Gussmann Arrested for Peddling Without a License.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., March 28.—Palm Sunday will be generally observed in the Roman Catholic, Protestant Episcopal and Lutheran Churches in this city tomorrow. At several of the churches special music will be rendered. The palms will be blessed at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church prior to the second mass, and distributed at that mass. Palms will also be distributed in the Protestant Episcopal and Lutheran Churches.

Active preparations are being made along the river front for the opening of the fishing season. The owners of the fish-packing houses on the fish wharf are rebuilding them. Most of the gilliers and seine hunters have made arrangements for the spring fishery, and all anticipate good catches.

At the Railroad Reading Rooms tomorrow afternoon there will be delivered by Messrs. Floyd Rogers and P. Leslie Robinson, of the

## WIFE LOOKING FOR MISSING HUSBAND

Mrs. Lewis Fears He May Have Killed Himself.

Sewing Machine Collector and Former Marine Left His Home Despondent Friday Morning.

The police yesterday morning were asked to keep a lookout for George Franklin Lewis, thirty years of age, who resides with his wife and two children at 813 Ninth Street southeast, and who disappeared from home Friday morning.

Mrs. Lewis, the wife of the missing man, called at Police Headquarters and was greatly worried regarding her husband's absence. She said that of late he had been employed as a collector for a sewing machine company, previous to which he had served as a marine, but was discharged from the service because of disabilities incurred in line of duty.

The missing man drew a small pension, and of late had been greatly worried regarding the health of one of his children. When he left home, Mrs. Lewis said, he intimated that he would do away with himself.

Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary, on consecration as set forth in St. Paul in the twelfth chapter of Romans. A quartette has been secured to furnish special music.

The funeral of Mrs. Julia Upton was held at 2 o'clock this afternoon from her late residence, 211 Queen Street, Rev. C. E. Ball, of Grace Protestant Episcopal Church, officiating. Interment in Bethel Cemetery.

In the Corporation Court today, Giles B. Jackson was appointed administrator of the estates of Daniel Kemper and Giles B. Jackson, colored. Messrs. W. W. Densine, W. H. Densine and C. P. C. Timberman were appointed appraisers.

In a game of baseball played this morning the eighth grade of Washington High School defeated the seventh grade by a score of 15 to 4.

A team belonging to Mr. William Rodgers ran off this afternoon and ran over a colored man named Charles Parker, who escaped serious injury.

Marietta Gordon, aged three years, daughter of Mr. William Gordon, died last night.

Mr. Charles M. Bruin and daughter, Mary, of West End, have gone to Charleston to attend the exposition.

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## Superb Easter Shoes

AT RECORD-MAKING PRICES.



This week we want to break our past great shoe-selling records—by selling more shoes than we ever did before—in any like period.

We are bubbling over with enthusiasm over our magnificent new Spring Footwear; daintier, prettier, better shoes never were shown anywhere.

We are so fully convinced of the superiority of our shoes over those sold anywhere else, that we are SURE all Washingtonians would buy their Easter Shoes here—if they knew the actual facts as we do.

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We Guarantee the Fit and Wear of Every Shoe We Sell.

## WOMEN'S LOVELY EASTER SHOES.

### Two Specials For This Week.

2 styles \$3.50 guaranteed Patent Ideal Kid Boots. 5 styles \$3.50 hand-sewed turn and welt sole Vici Kid Boots. This week \$2.85

6 new styles hand-sewed turned and welt sole \$2 Kid Oxford Ties. 2 styles \$2 Patent leather extension sole Oxford Ties. This week \$1.39

### THE "WI-MO-DAU-SIS."

New styles of Health and Beauty Boots and Oxfords: Patent Ideal Kid Boots and Oxford Ties; Louis XV heel Kid Boots, and over 25 other styles. Best Shoes on earth for the price. Boots, all kinds \$3.00 Oxfords, all kinds \$2.50

### "COLONIAL" TIES.

The newest, noblest spring styles, with silver, gilt, or gun-metal buckles. Our "Colonials" fit and do not slip at the heels. Our variety of these popular Shoes is enormous, and range in price from \$1.50 to \$3.50, but we're making a leader of a regular \$2.50 grade in Kid or Patent Leather at \$1.95

Washington BELLE, \$2.50

These fine hand-sewed turn and welt sole Kid and Guaranteed Patent Leather Boots and Oxfords are the same grades sold everywhere at \$3 and at some stores for \$3.50—35 pretty styles of them.

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A line of Boots and Oxfords which can hardly be equalled at \$2.00. Smartly shaped, made of durable materials, they are truly "Ideal" considering the price. They have all the style of highest grade shoes.

## MEN'S MATCHLESS FOOTWEAR.

### Two Specials For This Week.

5 styles regular \$5 grade Guaranteed Patent Ideal Colt and Kid Low Shoes. This week \$3.50

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